MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, in response to the discussion we had in the morning regarding the situation in Malaysia, the hon. External Affairs Minister will be making a statement. I think, the House will agree to this.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER—*Contd.*
Hindraf Demonstration in Malaysia on 30.11.2007

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): During the morning session, some hon. Members expressed their concern regarding the alleged harassment of participants of the rally organized by the Hindu Rights Action Force (HINDRAF) in Kuala Lumpur on November 25,2007 and subsequent related matters. The stated purpose of the rally was to hand over a petition to the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur seeking the support of Queen Elizabeth II for a class action suit filed in the UK for the exploitation of Indians who were brought to Malaysia as indentured labour.

Government remains deeply solicitous for the welfare of the people of Indian origin living abroad. As Members are aware, there is a large community of people of Indian origin in Malaysia who are citizens of that country. We have friendly relations with Malaysia and we are in touch with the Malaysian authorities in the related matter.

SHRI AMAR SINGH (Uttar Pradesh): What about the comments about the Chief Minister.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to add one more sentence here. Certain observations have been made against a highly respectable national leader, Shri K. Karunanidhi, and, as I have mentioned already in the last part of my statement, I am in touch with the Malaysian authorities and we are taking it up.

Discussion on the Compulsory Voting and Prohibition of Pre-poll Survey and Exit Poll of Election Bill, 2004 — *Contd.*

श्री राजनीतिक प्रसाद (बिहार) **:** उपसभापति महोदय, इस विधेयक पर बोलने के लिए आपने जो समय दिया हैं, उसके लिए धन्यवाद। हम हिन्दुस्तान के लोग जो रिप्रेजेंटेटिव चुनते हैं, वह वोटिंग के द्वारा होता हैं और जो वोटिंग यहां होती हैं, वह किस तरह होती है ....(**व्यवधान**)... उपसभापति महोदय, मैं एक बात कहना चाहूंगा कि यह जो लॉबी बनी हुई हैं , वह गप करने के लिए बनी हैं, तो जिन लोगों को गप करनी होती हैं, उन्हे उधर जाना चाहिए। लेकिन यहां पर सीरियस मैटर्स होते है, इसलिए बात करने में बहुत दिक्कत होती हैं। वहां पर जब गप करने के लिए वहां जाएं ....(**व्यवधान**)... There must be some decorum in the House. बोलने में तकलीफ होती हैं, बहुत कष्ट होता हैं।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) in the Chair.

SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Sir, I cantnot speak, if everybody keeps talking.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Please, *Please,...(Interruptions)...* Only one speaker at a time.

SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Sir, we have come in Parliament. *...(Interruptions)...*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Please continue.

श्री राजनीति प्रसाद **:** ऐसे में हमें बोलने में तकलीफ होती हैं। कष्ट होता हैं। How can I speak, Sir?